

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 2151
Cox <i>et al.</i>)	
Serial No.:)	Examiner: John B. Walsh
10/643,489)	
Filed:)	
08/19/2003)	
For:)	
Data Storage and Retrieval Systems)	
and Related Methods of Storing and)	
Retrieving Data)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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This communication is in response to the Office Action of September 24, 2007, which included an Election/Restriction Requirement for the pending claims. Claims 1-70 were originally filed in the present application. The Examiner has found that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species.

- Species A: Email Server (claims **11**, 12, 28, 29, 51, 52, 60, 61, 68 and 69)
- Species B: Web Server (claims **13**, 30, 48, 62 and 70)
- Species C: DNS Server (claims **16**, 33, 34, 37-42)
- Species D: DNS Server and Email Server (claims 43 and 44)

The claims indicated by the Examiner as falling within the species are indicated above in normal font. Additional claims that Applicants have identified according to Applicants' understanding

of the Examiner's division of species have been added above in bold font. In adding the previously missing claims to the respective species listings, Applicants have made a good-faith effort to follow the division of species set forth by the Examiner. Following the designations of claims as being generic according to the general approach set forth by the Examiner, Applicants believes the following to be the full list of generic claims as intended by the Examiner (with the bolded font claims having been added by the Applicants): 1-10, 14, 15, 17-27, 31, 32, **35, 36**, 45-47, 49, 50, 53-59, and 63-67.

Applicants have made a good-faith effort to follow the division of species set forth by the Examiner, and below make an election of a species for examination without traverse. Applicants do not advocate for any particular division of claims among species, and any error in additional designations of claims should not under any circumstances be construed as a misrepresentation by Applicants. The Examiner is invited to further consider and approve the additional designations of claims as made by Applicants above.

In response to the requirement to elect a single species, Applicants hereby elect Species A. The claims encompassing the elected Species A, including the above-references generic claims, are as follows: 1-12, 14, 15, 17-29, 31, 32, 35, 36, 45-47, 49-61, and 63-69. The remaining claims should be considered withdrawn, pending a determination of allowance of a generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and request a Notice of Allowability for the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney of Record if such would expedite the prosecution of the present Application. Applicants believe the present response to be timely filed. However, if a fee is determined to be due, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge or credit the necessary amount to Deposit Account No. 13-0480, referencing the Attorney Docket Number

specified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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